

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: I Timothy 3:14-16. Pew Bible Page #1691

Message: "Conduct in the Lord's House"

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Pastor Mark Hofman
August 9, 2026
Worship 10:00AM

Come Now is the Time to Worship!

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GATHERED TO WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Invitation to Quiet

Call to Worship
Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!
**People: My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.**

*Opening Song of Praise *Across the Lands* LUYH 775
 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High LUYH 610

*God's Greeting

*We Greet One Another

Children's Message Stephanie Hofman

Children's Blessing

**The Lord is good. He never stops loving you.
Worship him with gladness, Come to him with thankful hearts,
And sing to him with songs of joy. Go in peace!**

Prayers of the People Pastor Mark

God Speaks To Us

*Song of Preparation *Be Unto Your Name*
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Leader: "This is the Word of the Lord." **People: "Thanks be to God."**

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Prayer of Application

Affirmation of Faith *Why We Do Good Works* *HC Q & A 86*

Q. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ
without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

**A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by
his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we
are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us,
so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our
godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.**

Nourished at God's Table

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving Words of Institution

*Song *Keep the Feast* *(Sky Peterson)*

Communion

We Are Sent Out

Our Offerings General Fund of AACRC
 *[offerings may be given online at allenavechurch.org
 or in the baskets at each entrance]*

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song of Praise *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* LUYH 730:1&3

*Postlude

We Live to B.L.E.S.S.

Believe. Love. Evangelize.

Support Christian Instruction. Serve.



NURSERY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



8/9: Nursery: Carol Peterman & Toni Schuitema

Children in Worship: Mary Wolff and Amber Johnson

Coffee Fellowship: Kristen Vlasma & Jill Schuitema

8/16: Nursery: Nancy Rop & Becki Fisher

Children in Worship: Beth VanRees & Kelly Dauser

Coffee Fellowship: ???

8/23: Nursery: Beth VanRees, Annabell Snyder, August Hofman

Children in Worship: Melissa Vlasma & Laurie DeJonge

Coffee Fellowship: Jim & Barb Malda

8/30: Nursery:

Children in Worship: Stephanie Hofman & Dale Johnson

Coffee Fellowship:

ALLEN AVENUE MISSIONARIES



**Pray for the * Missionary this Week*

Eric & Judith Tuls – Operation Mobilization

**Rev. Jerry An – Back to God Ministries*

Pastor Jeffery Hough – Angel Community Church

Paul & Charlotte Mpindi–Mission French Africa

Charles & Hensel Oh – Japan



ALLEN AVENUE CARE LIST

- 1) Wilma Doctor *Please call or send a card
- 2) Joel Stefanits to Care List Member, **Joel!**
OPTALIS—1061 W. Hackley Ave.
Muskegon, MI 49441

Heavenly Father, thank you for your great care for our loved ones on the care list. Today, we come to you and ask you to shine Your light into the lives of these dear people. Reveal Yourself as their Protector, Provider, & King. You overcame sin and death on the cross, and we pray that your victory will surround our loved ones and offer them hope and peace and Your love! Amen!

And without controversy
great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifest in the flesh,
justified in the Spirit,
seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles,
believed on in the world,
received up into glory.
1 Timothy 3:16

A Warm Welcome to Our Visitors, Guests & Members on This Summer Sabbath!

This is the day that the Lord has made...let us rejoice and be glad in it! May you find love, peace, purpose, and a sense of belonging as you worship with the family of God here at Allen Avenue. This Sunday we continue our summer sermon series "Under Construction: God's Ongoing Work on Us." Pastor Mark will be teaching on "Conduct in the Lord's House" from I Timothy 3:14-16. Join us in the lower level after the worship service for a time of fellowship together!

COUNCIL & DENOMINATION NEWS

August is National Make-A-Will Month - You don't have to be wealthy to establish an estate plan. If you own a house, have any investments or special collections, you should have a plan. August is National "Make A Will" Month and a great annual reminder to set up a trust or gift a charity in your will. The CRC has resources to help. Learn more by visiting the crcna.org/foundation

CHURCH ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES



Ahoy, Mates! John and Carol Schuitema are offering an open invitation for a pontoon ride up the Grand River into Grand Haven and Lake Michigan. Outing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, from 11:00am-2:00/3:00pm. Please bring your own lunch, snacks, and we will furnish beverages! Call John at 231.557.9829 by August 9, to get to take this fun voyage! Make your reservation now...only two spots remain!!!

Mission Trip Participants - Please fill out and return your registration to DRS. If you did not receive a registration email, please see Steve. If anyone is still interested in going with us to Madison County, North Carolina to serve the week of September 28th, please see Steve Rop.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

*****If you have exciting news to share, have something to praise God for, or would like the congregation to be in prayer for you or your family, please contact Pastor Mark or Secretary Susan Vanderlaan, so it can be added to our weekly bulletin!**

One more time, THANK YOU to all who helped with King's Kids!! Maybe you were a teacher or a helper or you registered kids or led the singing or played the piano or wrote the curriculum or you served ice cream or you provided ice cream sundae toppings or you prayed for King's Kids. Whatever your role may have been, THANK YOU for doing your part! It was a joy to watch the faces of the kids as they sang and to hear them shout out the answers to the Bible story questions. Along with all the fun and the energy, there was Spirit Power in the basement of Allen Ave. last week! Please pray that the kids will remember that Jesus loves them, that the verse we learned will stick in their memory, and that they would use the power from the Holy Spirit to go and tell their friends about Jesus our Rescuer. --**Jill Schuitema & Barb Malda**

To our family at Allen Avenue: Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, wishes, and prayers these past six weeks. Recuperation after my back surgery is going slow but sure! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the picnic on Sunday! Both Dave & I are very grateful to all of our special friends & "family" at Allen Avenue. --**Joanne & Dave Bishop**

From Tuesday prayer time & texts:

What a beautiful, busy and fun week we have had! We think of the **children at Kings Kids** and the songs of joy as they sang and learned about Jesus. We have been so blessed with **Barb and Jill** as they plan and prepare each year to serve our church by offering their gifts and for so many others who help make this possible. May these gospel seeds put down deep roots and grow so well!

We are so thankful for a wedding and baptisms for the **Synder family**...such beautiful blessings! Many answers to prayers and God's faithfulness & love.

We are also so thankful for the gift of hospitality from **John & Sue Sytsema** for providing such a wonderful place to go for our church picnic on Sunday! God provided beautiful weather and a wonderful committee of servers and "potluck-providers" to make it such a special day for our church family.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVINGS

The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, August 26, at 6:00pm with the Elders' and Deacons' meetings to follow. Please remember to pray for God's wisdom, direction, discernment, and unity as we lead AACRC at this time. Remember to **pray for Pastor Mark** as he shepherds us, his flock, with all the duties, responsibilities and care he gives and takes care of week after week. May his Great Shepherd give him all he stands in need of with support from his council and congregation!

We are asking for prayers for my mother, **Carol Binnendyk**. She has been suffering from severe neck pain and headaches. This has been going on for a while but recently has become much more severe. Praying the doctors can find the right medications to give her some relief. --**Jack & Laurie DeJonge**

Continued prayers for **John Schuitema** after a leg injury and a medication reaction that got him an ER visit and recovery time at home...feel better, John!

Mike Fongers' housemate Bill is home after successful surgery on August 4, to have a cancerous kidney removed. Mike appreciated prayers for his friend.

Please keep **Russ & Deb Vlasma** in your prayers as they have had four weeks of the parasite illness and are having a hard time getting rid of it. Pray the medications they received will restore their energy and health once more.

Prayers for Ron Vlasma to find a better solution to open his throat more. -- **Judy Vaandering (& all of your church family, too!)**

Our grandson **Reid Vanderlaan** does not need surgery just a cast for his broken arm! Thank you, Lord! Continue to pray for his hip. -- **Bob & Susan Vanderlaan**

Kelly Dauser's cousin had her surgery for her rare skin cancer surgery this week and she is doing well. Thank you for the prayers.

Sandy Volkers is having knee surgery on Tuesday, August 18. Pray for her and Ron as this anticipate this procedure and may it bring the much-needed pain relief she has been seeking.

Continue to lift up **Tim Maat, DJ Hilson, our first responders, law enforcement**, and all others who strive and work diligently to keep our city & neighborhoods safe.

